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RIO DE JANEIRO 5262

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS : SHUM SREF BR
SUBJECT : ARGENTINE AND CHILEAN REFUGEES IN BRAZIL

REFERENCE : BRASILIA 8957

1. UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE IN BRAZIL, GUY PRIM, TOLD CONGEN OFFICER NOVEMBER 4 THAT TWO CHILEAN REFUGEES (REFTEL) HAD BEEN ACCEPTED BY GOVERNMENTS OF NORWAY AND BELGIUM FOR RESETTLEMENT. PRIM COMMENTED THAT OTHER REFUGEES NOW IN BRAZIL, PRINCIPALLY OF ARGENTINE ORIGIN, HAD DEMONSTRATED THEIR SOLIDARITY WITH HIM VIS-A-VIS THE TWO CHILEANS' PUBLIC EFFORTS TO SPEED UP THEIR DEPARTURE FROM BRAZIL. HE ALSO COMMENTED THAT BRAZILIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY WORKING LEVEL OFFICIALS HAD EXPRESSED THEIR SATISFACTION WITH THE MANNER IN WHICH HE HAD HANDLED THE PROBLEM OF THE TWO CHILEANS.

2. PRIM INDICATED THAT THE PROBLEM OF ARGENTINE REFUGEES IN BRAZIL CONTINUES TO BE A SERIOUS ONE. THE 280 REFUGEES REGISTERED WITH THE UNHCR WILL PROBABLY PRESENT A LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER DURING HIS FORTHCOMING VISIT TO BRASILIA TO UNDERSCORE THEIR DILEMMA. CONGEN OFFICER INDICATED THAT EMBASSY HAD RECENTLY INQUIRED OF WASHINGTON INFORMATION CONCERNING USG VIEWS ON POSSIBLE SMALL PROGRAM FOR ADMISSION OF ARGENTINES INTO US (BRASILIA 8798) BUT AS YET HAD NOT RECEIVED A REPLY.

3. PRIM PASSED ON CASE HISTORIES OF TWO ARGENTINES OF PARAGUAYAN ORIGIN WHO ARE CURRENTLY IN BRAZIL. ONE OF THESE, CLAUDIA MABEL CAREAGA, STATED THAT WHILE DETAINED IN A PRISON PROBABLY LOCATED IN THE EASTERN ZONE OF BUENOS AIRES, SHE HAD VERBAL CONTACT ON AUGUST 19 WITH ANOTHER WOMAN PRISONER IN AN ADJACENT CELL WHO SAID THAT SHE WAS LAWYER TERESA ISRAEL WHO HAD DISAPPEARED APPROXIMATELY SIX MONTHS EARLIER. ISRAEL SUPPOSEDLY HAD BEEN VIOLENTLY TORTURED DURING THIS PERIOD. PRIM INDICATED THAT AMERICAN JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS WERE CONCERNED OVER FATE OF ISRAEL AND THAT STATEMENT BY CLAUDIA MABEL CAREAGA CONTAINED FIRST INFORMATION THAT MS ISRAEL WAS STILL ALIVE. HE ASKED THAT THIS INFORMATION BE PASSED ON TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN BUENOS AIRES. COPIES OF DOCUMENTS POUCHED ARA/ECA.

4. EMBASSY CONCURS.

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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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